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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE

1. JORDANIAN PRESS AUGUST 29 HIGHLIGHTS UNDER BANNER HEADLINES KING HUSSEIN'S REPLY MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER EXPLAINING JORDAN'S POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE. THE PAPERS QUOTE REPORTS FROM N.Y. ON PROPOSAL THAT U.S. WILL RAISE BEFORE THE CONFERENCE CONCERNING "REGIONAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS" THAT WILL INCLUDE ISRAEL, JORDAN, EGYPT, SYRIA, LEBANON AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AD-DUSTUR EDITORIALIZES ON THE INFORMATION BATTLE THAT WILL RAGE AT CAMP DAVID. THE PAPER SAYS THAT THE TOPIC OF THE HOUR THAT CONCERNS MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WILL BE NEGOTIATIONS AND RESULTS OF CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE. THE PAPER ADDS THAT CAMP DAVID WILL BE THE "INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION FORUM" FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL DISCUSSION OF OUR CAUSE. THIS IS, THE PAPER ADDS, WHY EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS KEEP STATING THAT THE

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SUMMIT WILL BE USEFUL BECAUSE IT WILL EXPOSE ISRAEL AND ITS INTENTIONS BEFORE THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT RESULTS OF CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE ONLY FACTORS THAT WILL "DECIDE FUTURE OF OUR CAUSE" BUT IT WILL CONSTITUTE A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN SUPPORTING OUR CAUSE IF THE ARABS SUCCEED IN UNIFYING THEIR RANKS AND POOLING THEIR INFORMATION RESOURCES. THE PAPER ADDS THAT ARAB LEAGUE AND ITS VARI-

OUS INFORMATION AGENCIES HAVE NOT YET ENTERED THIS INFORMATION BATTLE THAT WILL TAKE PLACE AT CAMP DAVID. THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY CALLING ON ARAB LEAGUE AND ALL ARAB STATES TO EXERT ALL THEIR EFFORTS TO WIN THIS INFORMATION BATTLE AT CAMP DAVID IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR STAND VIS-A-VIS EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE BECAUSE THIS VICTORY WILL BE FOR THE ARAB CAUSE AND NOT FOR THE EGYPTIAN INITIATIVE.

3. EDITORIALIZING ON GOI RECENT DECISION ON THE CAMP DAVID TALKS, ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY AR-RA'Y SAYS THAT ISRAELI POLITICAL STRATEGY AIMS AT ABORTING INITIATIVES OF SADAT AND CARTER AND IMPOSING "NEGATIVE PEACE" ON ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES. THE EDITORIAL CALLS ON CARTER TO ADHERE TO HIS PRINCIPLES AND ETHICAL STANDARDS ALTHOUGH IT DOUBTS HIS ABILITY "TO TAME HIS PROTEGE". THE PAPER ADDS THAT ISRAELI ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ITS PLANS AT CONFERENCE MIGHT BE USEFUL TO EGYPTIAN AND U.S. ADMINISTRATIONS SO THAT CARTER AND SADAT DO NOT FACE A SURPRISE DURING THE CONFERENCE. THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY EXPRESSING ITS FEARS THAT CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT AND THAT FUTILE NEGOTIATIONS WILL SIMPLY CONTINUE WITHOUT PURPOSE.

4. IN AN EDITORIAL ON FORTHCOMING TALKS AT CAMP DAVID, ARABIC DAILY AL-AKHBAR EXPRESSES ITS DOUBTS ABOUT SUCCESS OF THE SUMMIT CONFERENCE. THE PAPER ADDS THAT GOI RECENTLY STATED THAT IT HAD NOTHING NEW TO OFFER BUT THE BEGIN PLAN. UNCLASSIFIED

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THE U.S. ONCE SAID IT WILL NOT ACT ONLY AS A MEDIATOR BUT AS A FULL PARTNER AND LATER SAID THAT IT WILL NOT SUBMIT A PEACE PROPOSAL. THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT AMIDST ALL THESE STATEMENTS, GOI CONTINUES ITS OPPRESSIVE POLICIES AGAINST THE ARABS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CONTINUES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENTS. THE PAPER CONCLUDES BY REITERATING ITS FEARS THAT CAMP DAVID CONFERENCE WILL NOT ACHIEVE ANYTHING AS LONG AS "BEGIN PREFERS OCCUPATION TO PEACE."

5. IN AN EDITORIAL CRITICIZING ISRAEL'S CONTINUING INTRANSIGENCE, ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JORDAN TIMES AUGUST 29 SAYS THAT ISRAEL IS STILL ADAMANT ABOUT MAINTAINING ITS POSITION ON "BEGIN'S 26-POINT PLAN" FOR SELF-RULE IN WEST BANK AND GAZA. THE EDITORIAL COMPARES BEGIN'S STAND WITH THAT OF A CHILD THAT CRIES AND SCREAMS AND STAMPS ITS FEET UNTIL IT GETS ITS ICE CREAM." THE PAPER ADDS THAT CHOICES ARE THAT THE CHILD IS GIVEN ICE CREAM TO STOP HIM FROM SCREAMING OR HE IS "SMACKED OR IGNORED." THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT TO GRANT BEGIN THE FIRST CHOICE IS NO OPTION AT ALL BECAUSE HIS PEACE PLAN IS MERELY "A MIRAGE CONCOCTED IN THE DEPTH OF HIS WILDEST MESSIANIC IMAGINATIONS." THE PAPER CONCLUDES THAT THE CHOICE AVAILABLE IS THAT BEGIN

WILL BE "ROUGHLY TREATED AT CAMP DAVID OR HE WILL BE IGNORED" AND THE ONLY PERSON TO DO THIS IS PRESIDENT CARTER. THAT REALIZATION, THE PAPER ADDS, "WORRIES US A GREAT DEAL, BECAUSE EVERY INDICATION TO DATE POINTS TO AN AMERICAN INABILITY TO DO ANY SUCH THING." NAIFEH

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